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SUBJECT: NEW NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR

1. THE NEW NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA, BOTSWANA
ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE, NIELS L. DAHL, NOW DCM AT
NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM, ARRIVES IN DAR ABOUT APRIL 6.

2. DAHL HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND OF THE DCM AND OTHERS AT
OUR EMBASSY. HE IS REFRESHINGLY FRANK AND OUTSPOKEN,
DESPITE HIS MANY YEARS IN DIPLOMACY, AND HAS OFTEN GIVEN
US GOOD INSIGHTS INTO NORWEGIAN VIEWS OF NORDIC DEVELOP-
MENTS. HE HAS FUNCTIONED AS DE FACTO HEAD OF THE DCMS
CLUB IN STOCKHOLM, AND WAS WELL RESPECTED BY HIS
COLLEAGUES. HE COMES ON AT FIRST AS A SERIOUS
PERSON BUT AFTER ONE GETS TO KNOW HIM ONE BECOMES
AWARE OF A STRONG STRAIN OF HUMOR UNDERNEATH--AND A
SOPHISTICATED POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING TO GO WITH IT.
DAHL CAME BY OUR EMBASSY FOR A LONG CHAT WITH THE
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POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND DCM ABOUT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS
IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA,
WHERE NORDIC INTEREST RUNS VERY HIGH. WHILE HE SHARES
THE TRADITIONAL NORDIC VIEWS WHICH ARE VERY MUCH PRO-
BLACK AND SUSPICIOUS OF WHITE RHODESIAN AND SOUTH
AFRICAN INTENTIONS, HE SEEMS TO HAVE AN OPEN MIND AND
WAS LEARNING AS MUCH AS HE COULD ABOUT AFRICA. WE

BELIEVE OUR COLLEAGUES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL FIND HIM BOTH GOOD COMPANY AND A GOOD MAN TO DO BUSINESS WITH. HE WAS AWARE THAT MUCH OF HIS TIME WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH SUPERVISING NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BUT HE IS INTERESTED IN THE LARGER POLITICAL SCENE (AND SINCE NORWAY HAS ONLY CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN SOUTH AFRICA HE WILL HAVE AN INTEREST IN THAT COUNTRY AS WELL.

3. WE RECOMMEND NIELS DAHL AND HIS CHARMING WIFE NINA TO THE AMBASSADORS AND THEIR STAFFS AND HOPE YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THEM ON THEIR WAY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BOTH POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND DCM FURNISHED NAMES OF FRIENDS TO LOOK UP, WITH PARTICULAR MENTION OF AMBASSADOR NORLAND AND THE HOOVERS IN GABERONE.
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